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No, the lab funding is extra

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So is this part of the IDPH's federal portion of \$210,200? If so, do they realize that they only have \$168,600 to use?



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Each year, States are allowed to ask for Supplemental funding. States can ask for whatever their needs are (projects, equipment, disposal costs, training, etc). Illinois usually asks for and receives funding for pesticide disposal projects. Once we receive the requests, the Pesticides staff (and management) will look at the requests and compare it to the availability of funding. We prioritize Universal projects like the Indiana State Chemist Backup Lab and the Wisconsin Check Sample Subscriptions, and the Lab Analysts Workshop). Keep in mind that the supplemental funds vary from year to year depending on the federal funding process. It's unlikely that we will currently provide supplemental funding for lab equipment. Earlier this year, we "realigned" and the enforcement funding is decided by our enforcement division. Claudia Niess is the technical contact for enforcement.

States are also allocated \$41,600 every four years for their laboratory. Initially, it was restricted to equipment purchases, but several years ago, it was decided that labs could also use it for supplies, etc. since we recognize that \$41,600 doesn't go very far for equipment funding.

Historically, both IDA and IDPH maintained FIFRA labs and each lab was allocated \$41,600. At some point in the past, IDPH closed the FIFRA lab and began sending samples to IDA. When that happened, EPA began giving IDA the funds allocated to IDPH since IDPH's samples tended to be more difficult (residues from strange/unusual items) and IDA was providing the laboratory services.

If you have other questions, feel free to call or email me.

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Hi Susan,

In the past, we received supplemental projects for lab equipment. I'm now hearing that we are to use IDPH's money for lab equipment – how does that work?



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Every 4 years

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**Importance:** High

USEPA told me that this money (\$41,600) is given on a rotational basis between state/programs. This year it goes to IDPH's program and next year it is IDA's turn.

Susan... can you tell us all how often these lab dollars/allotment comes to IDPH and IDA...???

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I have never heard that before. It was always specified as a supplemental project when we used it in the past.



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I'll send you a copy of the one I have... It states \$41,600 for IDPH lab equipment and since IDA provides the lab services for them we get that money.

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I'm confused because the FIFRA agreement that I have does not include any lab equipment funding – is there a new agreement??



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When we purchased the GC/MSD (which was installed in 8/2017) we had combined two consecutive years of USEPA money together to make the purchase. Again my questions are:

1. Does the order have to be place before the end of September 2019?
2. Does the instrument need to be here before the end of September 2019?
3. Does the procurement process just need to be initialized before the end of September 2019?



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Not sure on that either... I guess I can ask IDPH if they would have a problem doing a two year... before I see if we can change it?

Can you check with John Teefey and see what he thinks... he might be able to steer us in the right direction....Meanwhile.... I'll check with IDPH and let you know what they say.

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I have no idea if we can or not and don't know who would make that decision. How would that impact the IDPH portion of the agreement?



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**Importance:** High

Current situation: we have a one year agreement with USEPA through 9/30/19 – FY20 in which we have approx.. \$41,000 to spend for lab equipment.

For next fiscal year IDA will again receive approx.. \$41,000.

If IDA has a two year agreement EPA will let us combine both awards of \$41,000 and spend the money within the two year period.

If IDA can not go to a two year agreement, then we will have to spend the first \$41,000 before the end of September... which due to the long procurement process is going to be a challenge.

So... Do you know if we can change the one year agreement with USEPA to a two year to allow this combination of funds so we can use both monies to purchase a new LC/MS/MS.? If you can't answer this... please pass this on to anyone who can.... Thanks so much Laurie!

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